

number of students but also in the number of distinguished faculty, setting the foundation for the emergence of a first-class research university. Despite the riot-torn era of the late 1960's and early 1970's, marked by campus demonstrations, faculty protests, the burning of the Bank of America in Isla Vista, and mass arrests, Dr. Cheadle exhibited remarkable courage and emerged as an administrator of remarkable skill.

Dr. Cheadle retired as Professor and Chancellor Emeritus in 1977 at age sixty-seven. In 1979, the Regents of the University of California named the main administration building Vernon I. Cheadle Hall. Dr. Cheadle's associates at UCSB characterized him as: "an outstanding Chancellor whose impact was felt not only in Santa Barbara but throughout the University of California" (UC President Jack Peltason); "He never gave unwanted advice, but was thoughtful in his comments when they were solicited, and always demonstrated his deep affection for the campus he had so influenced" (Former UCSB Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling); "He was a role model for many and a wonderful human being" (Former track and field coach Sam Adams); "I always felt he was a person of integrity and principle, who understood the need to defend free expression and academic freedom. In a time of chaos, he tried to uphold the ideas of civility (UCSB Sociology Professor Dick Flacks)". Even after his retirement from the chancellor's position in 1977, Cheadle remained involved in both the university and the community it serves.

In addition to being a distinguished scientist and administrator, Vernon was an accomplished athlete. In 1978 he was inducted in the Miami Athletic Hall of Fame and for 18 years competed in the Masters Track and Field meets, holding several Masters world records in the discus and shot-put. He was a warm, friendly, unpretentious man; one of those people whose contribution is as visible and as clearly defined as the university that he helped create.

In 1990, both Vernon and his wife Mary were named honorary alumni by the UCSB alumni association for their "wise and caring leadership . . . as UCSB's first family." They were a remarkable team, dedicated to the university and community they so loved. Cheadle is survived by his wife and their son, William, an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Louisville.

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KATHERINE K. MULLER
1909–1995

Katherine Kinsel Muller, director of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden from 1950 through 1973, died Thursday, August 17, 1995. She was 85. Santa Barbara and the botanic garden community have lost a colleague, supporter, and friend who devoted much of her life to the vitality and visibility of public gardens. Her association with the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden began in 1948 as an associate in education. In 1950 she was appointed acting director, then named director in 1951 (see Mathias, Mildred E. 1975. Katherine K. Muller and the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. *California Horticultural Journal* vol 36(2):77–78).

Katherine was an accomplished educator, administrator, and community leader. Every aspect of the Garden that we know today was influenced in some way by her early planning and guidance. Under her administrative stewardship the garden expanded to its present 65 acres, significantly increased plantings and trails for public viewing, instituted classes for adults and children, enhanced the original library by adding two wings, added a propagation complex, a two-story herbarium and research wing. During this time she taught courses on both native and introduced trees for the Garden's educational program and University of California Extension and con-

ducted travel programs, introducing many students and the general public to plant diversity and the horticultural beauty of our planet.

Katherine was born in Portland, but moved to Los Angeles with her family when she was 9 years old. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from UCLA and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. A resident of Santa Barbara since 1937, she was a botany and biology instructor at Santa Barbara State College from 1937 to 1938, and assistant professor of biology from 1943 to 1945.

Over the years, Katherine was the recipient of numerous awards for gardening, conservation, and botany, including the 1982 Eloise Payne Luquer Medal, a national award bestowed by the Garden Club of America, the Award of Merit and Commendation from the Western Chapter of the International Shade Tree Association, the Award of Merit from both the California Conservation Council and the American Association of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta.

Throughout her career, Katherine was a mentor to a loyal following of amateur and professional botanists. Her influence extended beyond botanical instruction and encouragement. She instilled dedication among her followers that led to important publications such as Cliff Smith's *A Flora of the Santa Barbara Region*, and *Trees of Santa Barbara*, co-authored with Richard E. Broder and Will Beittel. One plant was named for Katherine, *Quercus dumosa* var *kinselae*. Katherine also took the Botanic Garden to the city and the nation, participating on local boards and advisory committees as well as serving on the Board of Directors of the American Horticultural Society, the Advisory Council of the Saratoga Horticultural Foundation and Advisory Board of the Theodore Payne Foundation.

Her interest in the educational value of the Botanic Garden held steady and true through fire, flood, and drought. She was known for the serene but firm leadership, which earned praise from many local, regional, state, and national leaders. She also displayed a refined sense of humor. At a 1974 dinner at the Biltmore Hotel honoring her work, she was given an exquisite cluster of gold pine branches and pine cones. Upon accepting the gift, she paused to identify the species of pine depicted on the jewelry—in Latin.

Following her retirement, Katherine was elected Director Emeritus and continued an active role in Garden planning and programs. She served as a Garden Trustee from 1976 to 1988 and elected honorary trustee in 1989. In 1982 a reading room addition below the library was dedicated in honor of her service to the Garden. Katherine Muller contributed enormously to the quality of life in Santa Barbara and will be missed. In one way or another Katherine Muller touched our lives. We learned from her classes, enjoyed trips she led and lectures she arranged. The Garden is most fortunate to have had her as a wise and enthusiastic leader and she has left a rich legacy for us to build upon. Katherine is survived by her husband, Dr. C. H. Muller, emeritus professor of botany, University of California, Santa Barbara, and son Dr. Robert Muller, Chairman, Department of Forestry, University of Kentucky.

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